

**RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING
EDUCATION**

MINUTES OF MEETING

OPEN SESSION

September 8, 2008

The Open Session of the Rhode Island Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education was called to order at 8:30am on the above date in room 401, Department of Health, three Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meetings Law, so called, and other applicable sections of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island as amended.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jeannine Borozny, RN

Genevieve Rodrigues, LPN

Sandra Megerdichian, RN,MS

Catherine Rose, RN,MS, Secretary

Peggy Matteson, RN, PhD

Cristiana Rosa, MS,RN, PCNS

Michael Gerhardt

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Theresa Jeremiah, RN

Sharon Smith, RN,MS President

Joslin Leasca, RN,MS, RNP, Vice President

Elizabeth Lamonde, RN

Kristen Kamm, LPN

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Pamela McCue, RN, MS Director

Linda TetuMouradjian, RN, Compliance Officer

1. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Catherine Rose called the meeting to order at 8:39am. A quorum was established at this time.

2. PRESENTATION OF MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION OF July 14, 2008

On motion of Ms Megerdichian, seconded by Ms Rodrigues, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes as presented.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Catherine Rose, in the absence of President Sharon Smith, provided brief update about the NCSBN Delegate Assembly meeting held August 4-August 8th.

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

National

Ms McCue informed the Board that Model Rules were passed by the NCSBN delegate assembly for the regulation of Advanced Practice Nurses and for the regulation of Nursing Education Programs. Ms McCue will provide the Board with copies of these documents and provide a brief discussion of them at the next meeting. Ms McCue also informed the Board of a new educational initiative for Board members called the "NCSBN Interactive". This online interactive tool provides Board members with resources and educational opportunities to be attain further expertise and skills as members of a regulatory board.

State

Ms McCue informed the Board of the following state-wide initiatives that she is participating in as a representative of the Board

- Senate Commission to Study Nursing Faculty Shortage

The Study Commission is charged with identifying ways the legislature could assist the state in addressing nursing shortage issues.

Several ideas were brought up and discussed. The Commission is scheduled to meet again on September 18, 2008 at RIC.

- Institute for Nursing

URI received a grant award to establish the Institute for Nursing Leadership and Faculty Development in the state. The award was achieved in partnership with Lifespan who provided a cash match.

CCRI and RIC are also partners in this initiative. Ms McCue informed the Board that she will serve on an Advisory committee.

- MA/RI Collaborative**

Mass has been involved in a nursing education/practice partnership focused on increasing the numbers of licensed nurses and nursing faculty and designing a nursing educational system to meet future health care needs. Through this partnership, Mass has developed a set of core competencies that the future nurse needs in the practice setting. The competencies are based on the Institute of Medicine's Competencies for Health Professionals. The Mass collaborative has also created a state-wide clinical placement database. A nursing leadership group has begun working with Mass to learn and extend these programs to RI. This group is also exploring an opportunity of applying for a grant with MA, NH and VT for a regional extension of these programs.

5. BUSINESS

Guests: Kristin Hellquist and Alicia Byrd, from the NCSBN gave history and background on NCSBN.

- Main function is to administer NCLEX exam and be a forum for state boards of nursing.**

- NCLEX has recently gone international and is now in 16 countries.**

New resolution to have associate members – first member is British Columbia, Canada.

- NCSBN now owns medication aide test – will need item writers.**

Online education website is a big initiative.

- TERCAP – looks at nursing error to identify best practices to reduce nursing error.**
- NCSBN monitors federal legislation, sit on many agencies to look out for interest of state boards, involved with foreign educated nurses, scope of practice – NCSBN has a policy model to look at this issue from a patient safety perspective. Participate in Coalition for Patient Rights. Bimonthly policy call to keep boards up to date about policy issues.**
- Invited board members to join the volunteer committees at NCSBN**

Guest: Michael Veradian, Executive Director of Environmental and Health Service Regulation. Mr. Veradian introduced himself to the Board and provided an overview of his background and experience. He complemented the Board on their dedication and commitment to nursing and public safety and invited the Board to contact him for any assistance.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements

7. ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Ms Borozny, seconded by Mr. Gerhardt it was unanimously voted to move into Executive Session pursuant to 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws for the discussion of job performance, character, physical or mental health

of applicants for licensure and licensees and for discussion of investigatory proceedings relating to misconduct by applicants licensure and licensees, and investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. The Open Session adjourned at 9:50am.

8. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION FOR PRESENTATION OF FINAL ACTIONS

Ms Rose called the Open Session back to order at 1:30 pm.

9. VOTE TO SEAL MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTIONS OF 42-46-5 OF THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS

On motion of Ms Borozny, seconded by Ms Rosa, it was unanimously voted to keep confidential all matters discussed in the Executive Session and to seal those minutes in as much as fitness for licensure and ongoing disciplinary matters were addressed.

10. PRESENTATION OF FINAL ACTIONS

Iryna Chekurova, RN –Probation 1 year

Patty Leone, RN-Reinstatement on Probation 2 years

The following cases were voted a finding of No Unprofessional Conduct

NP08-045

NP08-044

PN08-051

11. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Ms. Borozny, seconded by Ms Rosa, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 1:30pm.

**Respectfully submitted by
Cristiana Rosa, RN, MS**